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Dear Simon

1. Extension No. 2 to the Covid-19 National Services Scotland Non-Mandatory Request

- 1.1 I am writing on behalf of National Services Scotland to make a Request to the Health and Social Care Information Centre (**NHS Digital**), to amend the Covid-19 National Services Scotland Non-Mandatory Request dated 20 April 2020¹ (the **Original Request**). Before making this Request, the National Services Scotland has consulted with NHS Digital as required by section 257(4) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012² (the **2012 Act**).
- 1.2 This Request is made under section 255(1) and section 256(2) of the 2012 Act) and comes into force on the date signed.

2. Purpose of this Request

- 2.1 The purpose of this Request is to omit the expiry date in the Original Request as amended by the Extension to the Covid-19 National Services Scotland Non-Mandatory Request 2020³, and to add a consequential review provision.

¹ <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/nhs-scotland-non-mandatory-requests/covid-19-national-services-scotland-non-mandatory-request>, as amended by the Extension to Covid-19 National Services Scotland Non-Mandatory Request 2020 issued on 24 August 2020

² 2012 c.7

³ <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notices/nhs-scotland-non-mandatory-requests/covid-19-national-services-scotland-non-mandatory-request>



Chair Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Mary Morgan

NHS National Services Scotland is the common name of the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service.

3. Amendment of the Original Request

For paragraph 9 of the Original Request, substitute:

“NHS Digital is requested to operate the Covid-19 National Services Scotland Information Systems (the **Requested Function**) unless or until requested in writing by an authorised officer of National Services Scotland on reasonable notice to suspend and/or permanently cease the Requested Function. Such date to be determined by reference to an annual review of the Original Request, with a view to carrying out the first review during December 2022.”

Yours sincerely



MARY MORGAN
Chief Executive

Signed by authority of National Services Scotland

Date signed: 1st March 2022